

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, from line 14 through line 17, with the following paragraph:

--Y is independently selected from $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$, $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$, $-C(=O)-R-COG$, hydrogen, carboxyalkyl, acetyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for each occurrence, provided that at least 1% of Y groups on said polymer are $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$ or $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$, $-C(=O)-R-COG$;--

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, from line 7 through line 10, with the following paragraph:

--Y is independently selected from $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$, $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$, $-C(=O)-R-COG$, hydrogen, carboxyalkyl, acetyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for each occurrence, provided that at least 1% of Y groups on said polymer are $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$ or $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$, $-C(=O)-R-COG$;--